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Dear Max

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 26 May 2025 for information relating to the 'Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori' (SASM) chapter of the Proposed District Plan, particularly communications addressing how these provisions interact with property rights, housing supply, and economic interests.

Specifically, you have asked:

We request all communications between Council Officers, and between Council Officers and third parties relating to the provisions in the SASM chapter of the Proposed Plan that refer or allude to:

- a) The interests of residential property owners in exclusive possession and/or quiet enjoyment of their land;
- b) The community interest in increasing the supply of housing;
- c) The community interest in fostering economic growth; and/or
- d) The interest of landowners and the community in respecting private property rights.

**Answer:**

There are no communications between Council Officers, and between Council Officers and third parties relating to the provisions in the SASM chapter that refer or allude to the matters specified.

Therefore, your request is refused in full under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA as the information does not exist.

The Council has received a number of submissions on the proposed SASM chapter that may refer to these matters. These submissions will be publicly available through Council's website in the next few weeks, along with a summary of the decisions requested by submitters.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Yours sincerely

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